

Governor's Family Violence Council
Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
100 Community Place, 1st Floor, Conference Room, Side B
Crownsville, MD 21032
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Participating Members:

Jeanne Yeager, Chair
Dorothy Lennig, Esq., Vice-Chair
Barbara Darley for V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.
Jessica Dickerson for Secretary Sam Abed
Lisae Jordan, Esq. for Delegate Kriselda Valderrama
Michael Lore for Senator Susan Lee
John McGinnis for Karen B. Salmon
Corine Mullings for Secretary Lourdes Padilla
Lisa Nitsch
Kathleen O'Brien
Scott G. Patterson, Esq.
Laure Ruth, Esq.
Neshanna Turner
Senator Chris West
Lee Woods for Secretary Dennis Schrader

Guests:

Linda Alexander, Maryland Department of Health
Stacie Gold, YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County
Anne Hoyer, Address Confidentiality Program
Carolyn Johnsen, Pyramid Walden
Colleen Moore, Maryland Healthcare Coalition

Staff:

Rebecca Allyn, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Heather Amador, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Kelly Gorman, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:02 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. GOCCP Updates

Ms. Darley informed the Council that the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (the Office) will be looking into the Victim Information Notification Everyday (VINE) and VINE Protective Order (VPO) systems. A priority of the Victim Services Unit at the Office is to

ensure the resources in the State meet the needs of victims. Feedback from the Council on either of the systems is encouraged.

Ms. Darley also informed the Council that the Office is examining restitution in Maryland. The Office is currently researching restitution in other states, gathering statistical data on restitution in Maryland, and plans to send out surveys to the community.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 9, 2019 meeting were provided to members and guests. Ms. Woods made a motion to approve the minutes; Ms. Lennig seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

IV. Membership Updates

Ms. Allyn informed members that Senator Chris West has been appointed by the Senate Minority Leader to the Governor's Family Violence Council. Corine Mullings has replaced V. Renee McKee as Secretary Padilla's designee.

V. Legislative Updates

Ms. Lennig updated members on recent family violence legislation that was passed during the 2019 Legislative session:

- *HB 121/SB 130 - Criminal Procedure - Charge by Citation - Violation of Condition of Release:* This bill allows the arrest of a defendant who violates a pretrial order to have no contact with the victim. Effective Date: October 1, 2019
- *HB 181/SB 103 - Criminal Law - Electronic Harassment and Bullying (Grace's Law 2.0):* This bill alters prohibited actions relating to electronic harassment of minors. Effective Date: October 1, 2019
- *HB 672/SB 810 - Housing - Local Housing Grant Program for Homeless Veterans and Survivors of Domestic Violence:* This bill establishes and funds a local housing grant program for homeless veterans and survivors of domestic violence. Effective Date: October 1, 2019
- *HB 710/SB 821 - Correctional Services - Pre Release Unit:* Originally this bill would have required that any pre-release unit be a separate stand-alone structure. It was amended to conduct a study on gender-based equity in prerelease programming and facilities in Maryland. Effective Date: June 1, 2019
- *SB 567 - Workgroup to Study Child Custody Court Decisions Involving Child Abuse or Domestic Violence Allegations:* This bill creates a workgroup to (1) study State child custody court decisions involving child abuse or domestic violence allegations; (2) study available science pertaining to children in traumatic situations, including trauma-informed decision making; and (3) make recommendations about how State courts could incorporate the latest science in making legal determinations regarding the safety and well-being of children. Effective Date: June 1, 2019

VI. Intimate Partner Violence and Pregnancy

Colleen Moore provided members with a presentation on the intersection of intimate partner violence (IPV) and pregnancy. Ms. Moore discussed the health care response to IPV and

pregnancy, focusing on control tactics, risk factors, barriers, and health effects for pregnant women. Ms. Moore stressed the importance of health care providers properly screening for IPV among their patients and learning indicators of abuse.

VII. Abuse Intervention Program Certification

Ms. Allyn informed members that eleven abuse intervention program (AIP) site visits were conducted from January to March 2019. Site visits occur anytime within an AIP's three-year certification period. All eleven programs were in compliance with the Family Violence Council's Operational Guidelines for AIPs in Maryland. Letters were sent to each program confirming compliance.

Ms. Allyn informed members that fifteen AIP applications were submitted to the Council for certification. Of those fifteen, ten were programs applying for recertification and five were new programs applying for certification. Ms. Allyn is preparing a document outlining certification recommendations for each program for the Council to review and vote on.

VIII. Workgroup Updates

a. Fingerprinting in Domestic Violence Cases

Ms. Lennig informed members that the workgroup received the data requested from the courts. The courts provided the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) with 1,000 randomly selected, closed, adjudicated District Court cases that resulted in a guilty or probation before judgment, from the fiscal year 2017. CJIS will analyze the data to get a more accurate understanding of how prevalent this issue really is. The workgroup plans to convene once CJIS has reviewed the data.

b. Abuse Intervention Program (AIP) Certification Review Process

The workgroup held a conference call on March 1, 2019 to finalize the thresholds for each section on the AIP Certification Application Review Form. The workgroup decided that applications with a score below 90 will not be recommended for certification. Applications with a score between 90 and 99 will be contacted to request that additional documentation be submitted in order to be certified. Applications with a score of 100 will be recommended for certification. Moving forward, the workgroup will convene on an ad hoc basis.

IX. 2019-2020 Workgroup Topics

Members discussed potential workgroup topics for the 2019-2020 calendar year. These topics included pregnancy and domestic violence, the difference between protective and peace orders, analyzing VINE and VPO, and best practices for visitation centers in the state of Maryland. Ms. Allyn will provide members with descriptions for each workgroup at the July Council meeting for members to vote on.

X. Old/New Business

At the January Council meeting, Stuart Campbell, Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD), discussed a separate data system for domestic violence providers who receive homelessness funding and addressed some of the Council's concerns. Mr. Campbell provided an update to Ms. Allyn and Ms. Yeager that the Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) is no longer advocating for a separate database for domestic violence providers and DHCD has requested technical assistance from HUD on the issue. Mr. Campbell will continue to update the Council as more information is gathered.

Ms. Allyn received approval from members to periodically make updates to *Healthy Teen Dating: A Guide for Educator and Youth Service Providers*, after consulting with Debbie Feinstein, former Chair of the Healthy Teen Dating workgroup.

Ms. Allyn informed members that an abuse intervention program has not completed the required training outlined in the Family Violence Council's Operational Guidelines for Abuse Intervention Programs and was provided ample time and opportunity to do so. Ms. Allyn proposed the program be placed on suspension. Suspension is defined as action taken by the Council to terminate a program's or provider's certification status for a period of one year. All members were in favor. Ms. Allyn will inform the AIP program of the status change.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:03 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, July 10, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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Main Conference Room, 1st Floor - Side A
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